VIA EMAIL

August 9, 2019

David Abrams
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Re: Public Records Request - PRR # 18-6264

Dear Mr. Abrams:

Thank you for your recent communications, in which you ask that our office only produce documents responsive to item one of your California Public Records Act (CPRA) request. Item one seeks:

"Documents sufficient to identify the 65 keynote speakers, panelists, and workshop presenters" at the November 2018 National Students for Justice in Palestine ("NSJP") Conference ("Conference").

Cal. Gov’t Code § 6255 provides that the University may withhold any record if, on the facts of the particular case, the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record. We have been advised, and have confirmed, that speakers and organizers of previous NSJP conferences have been targeted on internet blacklists such as canarymission.org, and have become the objects of threats and harassment. This information is not disclosed by the Conference due to these concerns and any disclosure by UCLA of the names of the keynote speakers, panelists, and workshop presenters at the Conference would create a similar heightened risk of harassment and potential endangerment for these individuals. Under the balancing of public interests, we have concluded that the public interest in protecting against harassment and threats to individual safety outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Therefore, any records that may be responsive to item one are exempt and will not be disclosed.

The University does not intend to imply that you or your organization would use the information for inappropriate purposes, however, pursuant to Cal. Gov’t Code § 6254.5, once the University has released a record to one member of the public, it may be deemed to have waived its rights to withhold the record from other requesters.

If you would still like to receive documents responsive to items two and three of your request, we will continue to produce them on a rolling basis. Please let us know your wishes in this regard. If we have not received your instructions regarding items two and three by August 23, 2019, we will consider this matter closed.
Should you have any questions, please contact me at (310) 794-8741 or via email at rbaldridge@ucla.edu and reference the PRR number found above in the subject line.

Sincerely,

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